

Atty. Dkt. No. 032931-0256

REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTION**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 63-78, 80-82, 84-85 and 88-93 are requested to be cancelled herein.

Claims 44, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59 and 79 are currently being amended. Support for the claim amendments is found generally throughout the specification and for example on page 19, line 15 to page 20, line 29.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 44-60, 79 and 83 are now pending in this application.

II. TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER BASKAR

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to her during the telephone conferences discussing claim language to expedite prosecution.

The Examiner contacted Ms. Mary Till and discussed amendments to the claims with the Examiner which the Examiner stated would place the application in condition for allowance. The same amendments are set forth above in the amended claim set. The Examiner requested that certain claims which were withdrawn from consideration be canceled. The cancellation of claims does not constitute acquiescence to the propriety of any rejection set forth by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the canceled subject matter.

On April 1, 2004, the Examiner and Ms. Till discussed further proposed claim language which the Examiner agreed to consider.

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III. CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

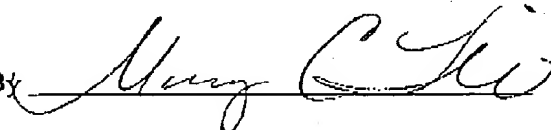
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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